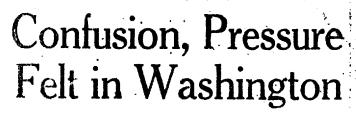
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Foreign Setbacks, Harder Soviet Line Banish Early Optimism, Bring Rethinking, Intensified: Effort to Meet Red Bloc Threat

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—One of the highest ranking mem-bers of the Kennedy administration has this to say to fact seeking visitors to Washington: "If you leave more confused than when you came, you will be more in touch with reality." Confusion, frustration, anger, humiliation and some

recrimination exploded on the heels of the abortive invasion of guerrillas operate in neighboring Cuba and still seethe. Cuba South Vietnam. The Soviet colors every conversation in buildup in Laos was far beyond Washington—where men speak.

With well stocked bases in

world of confusion—and a world so serious that studies are under filled with danger and hard way contemplating American

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sia and the Communist world ica. While governments there show fewer signs of easing the show growing disenchantment with Fidel Castro he is still at tractive to many peasants and of the Kennedy administration others who dream of land, eduthere was a deliberate attempt cation and dignity denied them at quiet diplomacy, seeking by rigid social and economic some basis for agreement with systems. Russia on world problems.

believe that the attempt was powder keg in Angola, where necessary. But they no longer American estimates indicate

Laos, however the cease fire tion in Cuba. works out, has largely fallen to

frankly mainly off the record. Laos, guerrilla operations in But, even without Cuba, there Vietnam become easier. One expression through pert wards that it could fall out officialdom that this is a within the year. The situation is action there.

Soviet willingness to operate openly far from its own home land is proved in Cuba. Cuba's danger is not directly to the The major reality is that Rus-United States but to Latin Ameri

Africa is a hodgepodge of Administration officials problems. Portugal sits on at feel optimistic that it can suc that more people are killed each After what looked like early ching is a constant menace successes in foreign affairs the everywhere. It is an open threat administration has had eevere to its neighbors, it works at subversion in Latin America and setbacks and faces crisis spots over the world.

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